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1981. The months to be counted for premium increase are—

- (1) The months specified in paragraph (a) of this section; plus
- (2) The months from April 1981 through the month in which the individual reenrolled for the second time. (Since only one reenrollment was permitted before April 1981, any months from the end of the individual's first enrollment period of entitlement through March 1981 are not counted.)
- (d) Subsequent reenrollment after September 30, 1981. The months to be counted for premium increase are—
- (1) The months specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, for the first and second periods of coverage; plus
- (2) The months from the end of each subsequent period of entitlement through the end of the general enrollment period in which the individual reenrolled, excluding any months before April 1981.
- (e) Example. Peter M enrolled during his initial enrollment period, terminated his first coverage period in August 1979 and reenrolled for the first time in January 1980. The 7 months to be counted (September 1979 through March, 1980) were not enough to require any increase in the premium. Peter terminated his second period of coverage in February 1981 and reenrolled for the second time in July 1981. Since the 4 months (April through July 1981), when added to the previous 7 months, bring the total to only 11 months, no premium increase is reanired

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# § 406.38 Prejudice to enrollment rights because of Federal Government error.

- (a) If an individual's enrollment or nonenrollment for premium hospital insurance is unintentional, inadvertent, or erroneous because of the error, misrepresentation, or inaction of a Federal employee, or any person authorized by the Federal Government to act on its behalf, the Social Security Administration or CMS may take whatever action it determines is necessary to provide appropriate relief.
  - (b) The action may include—

- (1) Designation of a special initial or general enrollment period;
- (2) Designation of an entitlement period:
  - (3) Adjustment of premiums;
- (4) Any combination of the actions specified in paragraph (b) (1) through (3) of this section: or
- (5) Any other remedial action which may be necessary to correct or eliminate the effects of such error, misrepresentation, or inaction.

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### Subpart D—Special Circumstances That Affect Entitlement to Hospital Insurance

# § 406.50 Nonpayment of benefits on behalf of certain aliens.

- (a) Hospital insurance benefit payments may not be made for services furnished to an alien in any month in which his or her monthly social security benefits are suspended (or would be suspended if he or she were entitled to those benefits) because the alien remains outside the United States for more than 6 months.
- (b) Benefits will be payable beginning with services furnished in the first full calendar month the alien is back in the United States.

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### § 406.52 Conviction of certain offenses.

- (a) Penalty that affects entitlement. (1) If an individual is convicted of any of the crimes listed in §406.11(c) (1) and (2), the court may impose, in addition to all other penalties, a penalty that affects entitlement to hospital insurance, beginning with the month of conviction.
- (2) The additional penalty is that the individual's income (or the income of the insured individual on whose earnings record he or she became or seeks to become entitled) for the year of conviction and any previous year may not be counted in determining the insured status necessary for entitlement to hospital insurance.

(b) Effect of pardon. If the President of the United States pardons the convicted individual, that individual regains (or may again seek) entitlement effective with the month following the month in which the pardon is granted.

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# PART 407—SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL INSURANCE (SMI) ENROLL-MENT AND ENTITLEMENT

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# Subpart A—General Provisions

### § 407.1 Basis and scope.

- (a) Statutory basis. The supplementary medical insurance (SMI) program is authorized by Part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act.
- (1) Section 1831 of the Act establishes the program.
- (2) Sections 1836 and 1837 set forth the eligibility and enrollment requirements.
- (3) Section 1838 specifies the entitlement periods, which vary depending on the time and method of enrollment and on the basis for termination.
- (4) Section 1843 sets forth the requirements for State buy-in agreements under which States may enroll, and pay the SMI premiums for, eligible individuals who are also eligible for cash assistance or Medicaid.
- (5) Section 104(b) of the Social Security Amendments of 1965 (Pub. L. 89–87) specifies the limitations that apply to certain aliens and persons convicted of subversive activities.
- (b) Scope. This part sets forth the eligibility, enrollment, and entitlement requirements and procedures for supplementary medical insurance. (The rules about premiums are in part 408 of this chapter.)

# § 407.2 General description of program.

Part B of Title XVIII of the Act provides for voluntary "supplementary medical insurance" available to most individuals age 65 or over and to disabled individuals who are under age 65 and entitled to hospital insurance. The SMI program is financed by premiums paid by (or for) each individual enrolled in the program, plus contributions from Federal funds. It covers certain physicians' services, outpatient services, home health services, services furnished by rural health clinics